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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 15 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A product made of cellulose wadding with a grammage of about 20 to 80 g/m² comprising ~~no more than only~~ one embossed ply made of creped cellulose wadding having a grammage of 10 to 40 g/m², said embossed ply having patterns of relief ~~consisting of at least partly of~~ including discrete protrusions facing toward the inside of the structure, and said product having at least one unembossed ply, characterized in that the embossed ply has, over at least a portion of its area, at least 30 protrusions per cm², the area of the top of each protrusion being less than 1 mm², the embossed ply and the unembossed ply having at least one of different grammages and different fiber compositions.

2. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the grammages of the two plies differ by at least 5%.

3. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 2, wherein the grammages differ by 5 to 30%.

4. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein a grammage of the embossed ply is between 15 and 20 g/m² and a grammage of the unembossed ply is between 21 and 25 g/m².

5. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein a grammage of the embossed ply is between 21 and 25 g/m² and a grammage of the unembossed ply is between 15 and 20 g/m².

6. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fiber compositions differ so that one of the plies has greater resistance to tearing than the other.

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7. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 6, wherein the embossed ply is stronger than the unembossed ply.

8. (Currently Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the embossed ply has, over at least 30% and ~~at least 50%~~ of the total area, at least 30 protrusions per cm^2 .

9. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the number of protrusions is at least 50 per cm^2 , and their area at the top is less than or equal to 0.4 mm^2 .

10. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, the product having a second pattern of embossed protrusions between said portions of area.

11. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plies are joined to one another.

12. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plies are associated by connecting the distal surfaces of at least some of the protrusions of the embossed ply to said unembossed ply.

13. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 10, wherein the connection is obtained by bonding the protrusions of the second pattern, at least in part.

14. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 10, wherein said product comprises a second unembossed ply.

15. (Currently amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the area ~~to~~ at the top of said protrusions of the unembossed ply ~~are~~ is less than 0.7mm.

16. (Previously Amended) The product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the unembossed ply is made of a creped material.